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OSCAR P. SCHUMANN, Editor and Proprietor

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## Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS.—Well all I know is just what I read in the papers—Spain blowing up the way it did broke in for a lot of news. I was over there meandering around in Spain about four years ago. Had a long chat with that Primo Rivera who was then Dictating for the Country. He "Dictated" me a long special message as to what he was trying to do with the Country, and I used it in the Saturday Evening Post just as he gave it to me. He is the fellow that while the Ambassador and I and our Commercial Attaché was in his office talking to him why he reached down in his office drawer and dragged out some of the best wine that was supposed to be Oh Lord knows how old, he said it was. It was one of the best official touches of hospitality I run onto while over there. He looked like he was doing pretty good job with the Country. But No, they must get rid of him, and they have never looked like anything since.

Now this King I also let and he seemed mighty able, and a good fellow. But Roy when they turn against you, all you have ever done don't mean a thing. You can say what you please about "Dictators" but when he is a good man its the best form of Government there is. Its just like a business that's run by one good man, the whole trouble with it is, you never know what will happen when the "Dictator" is dead or thrown out. Any one of our big men could take this country and run it fine, if he just didn't have to mess with any Political machine, or a lot of red tape.

Now you take Mussolini. Lots of em knock him and say that's a terrible form of Government. But you wait till he passes out and see what happens to that Country. Still he told me on that same trip that he was getting his system so well organized that it would carry on after his death. But I doubt that, for there is no man or whole mess of men that could carry on with all that he is doing. Now he is absolutely doing that he thinks is best for his Country, and he has never even by his severest Critics been accused of doing anything for gain for himself. In fact he is a poor man. You know those fellows they got an awful lot of pride, and they want to go down as a big man, and he is ready a big help to that Country. Course every Country thinks they need a different kind of Government. We think we must have Democracy and we get it too, right in the neck sometimes.

Now they say France is just getting along better than anybody. Still after the war everybody that thought they knew France predicted that there was no way for them to come out of it. When we was all a-buying stock, and waiting till the next day to sell it at a profit, not even asking what it paid for anything, why France was other. We were speculating off each other. We didn't see how in the world anything could ever be lower in price than it was then. We was the smart guys. "What a sucker people are to work when they can get this easy dough." That was our slogan.

Now we are bundling the Gold back to France and they are where we would have been if we hadn't gone "Cuckoo."

England is having their trouble for they always had a bunch that would never work. Their Labor Government is having tough sledding, almost as bad as our efficiency Government is. It sure is a bad time for a man to get ambitious and want to get into Politics.

There has never been a time when Public office was as such, a low ebb, and may not on account of the man in there as it is just general conditions. Sometimes its just a case of a good man in at a bad time. Its like sending the First String in after the game is too far gone to do any good, there is nothing you can do but just try and keep the score down, that's the way with a good man being elected to office nowadays, its just a case of try and relieve what little misery he can.

We got to get some other kind of distribution of money. The rich never had as much, and the poor as little. But we better not do anything about it till we see how the Russians turn out. They been pretty quiet the last couple of weeks. They are studying up some devilmint to pull on the World. A Russian just loves misery, and he wants to get as many in on it as he can. He wants to share it among friends as well as foes.

Well, the football season is over now, so maybe we can start some foolishment of some other kind. Hoover and the Senate have made up, so we will just sit around and wait for some other calamity to happen.

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## WILBER M. BRUCKER GOVERNOR OF MICH.

### THREE COUNTY OFFICERS TO RETIRE

January 1st is the time when many public officials either retire from office or step down to permit another to take his place. Fred W. Green will retire from the governorship and will be succeeded by Wilber M. Brucker. All state officers will be new with exception of lieutenant governor. Luren M. Dickinson will succeed himself.

James Couzens, U. S. Senator and Roy O. Woodruff, congressman from the 10th district, will continue in office. State Senator Tony Achard will be succeeded by Ben Carpenter of Harrison and William Green, representative in the state legislature will continue in office.

Sheriff J. E. Bobenmoyer and Treasurer Wm. Ferguson will continue their service in the court house while Prosecuting Attorney M. F. Nellist, Clerk Charles Gierke and Andy Hart register of deeds, will be succeeded by Marius N. Inaley, Axel Peterson and Mrs. Eva Reagan, respectively.

Merie F. Nellist was appointed prosecuting attorney by Judge Guy Smith to succeed Homer L. Fitch in the year 1923 and has served in that capacity ever since. He says he will continue his law practice here.

Charles Gierke has served two terms and retires voluntarily and says that he doesn't know what he will do but feels sure that something will turn up.

Andrew Hart was elected register of deeds in the year 1918, succeeding Allen B. Failing and has served continuously in that office—longer than any previous official. Mr. Hart will leave immediately for Royal Oak where he will take up active duties with the Bennett, Inc.—"Signs of All Kinds," in which Company he has long been a stockholder and director.

He says he has a lot of friends here who he will be sorry to leave and says he sincerely appreciates the long period of time the people permitted him to serve.

All three of the new officials have been posting up on their new duties and we believe will be able to step right into the work without any fear or hesitancy. Each of the retiring officers has been courteous and willing to extend such information as was required. That certainly is the right spirit.

We are sure the old as well as the new officials, no matter whether they are national, state, district or county, will start out with the well wishes of the people.

### YOUR AID MADE CHEERY CHRISTMAS POSSIBLE

The Grayling Board of Trade wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation received from those who contributed their personal efforts and financial resources to the Charity Fund drive during the Christmas season of 1930.

The results obtained, especially in the establishment of a cheery Christmas season, can be directly attributed to those who donated pecuniarily to the cause, as well as to those persons and community bodies who so very graciously furnished their services.

Especial thanks are extended to the Santa Claus, Grayling Band, the Home Economics Department of the Grayling Public School, Mr. Len Isenhauer, the Soliciting Committee of the Grayling Board of Trade, and the Charity Committee of the Woman's club and the Goodfellowship club.

Grayling Board of Trade.

## Welcome 1931

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1931

### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Remember the old-fashioned woman guest who used to volunteer to wipe the dishes after dinner was over?

Some automobiles priced at \$25,000 each were on display at the New York auto show. And we will bet that some fellow will be nervous enough to buy one at the price, at a dollar down and fifty cents a week the rest of his life.

An Iowa girl and a Missouri boy have been adjudged the two healthiest youngsters in America. And what we would like to know is whether they have had their tonsils out.

Prohibition won a big victory in Finland. No doubt the New York papers will soon be demanding that the League of Nations do something about this.

### Michigan Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

Sunday, January 4, 1931  
11:00 p. m.—Upsetting the apple cart.  
7:30 p. m.—Forked roads.

Urgent!

Those things which are most urgent in this world are invariably the things which we do. Those tasks which seem to us of vital importance are the tasks which we shall perform in 1931. And if we would know where to place the emphasis in living in this New Year so that life will count for the very best, we need to look at the life of the young Man, Christ, and see wherein He placed the note of the imperative. And the examination of His life soon reveals those interests which challenged His time and His service. Hear Him say "I MUST be about My FATHER'S BUSINESS."

And this very quotation from His words makes us inquire once again—"What is the Father's Business anyhow?" It is certain that it has to do with those values which are important, and yet which are most real. It is not the Father's wish that anyone should perish. Infinite Spirit does not will the disintegration of human personality. And if we would be urgent about those matters which call forth Jesus' interest and ministerial service, we MUST be keenly aware of all those forces and energies which have to do with the regeneration of human life. And in this connection, it is impossible that we could pass by the Christian church which in spite of all its errors and short-comings, still has high concern for the best in human living. No citizen in this day when we are becoming critically concerned over the apparent lack of Christian ideals in life, can afford to stand far from this Divine Institution.

### DO YOU AGREE WITH THESE SCHOOL VIEWS?

"Today the world is largely ruled by lawyers, they tell me. Tomorrow, I am certain, it will be ruled by school teachers and the tomorrow is at hand." Continuing his indictment against the methods of school teachers, Archit Chadbourne writes as follows in The Household Magazine for January.

"School teachers are not only guiding the children of today, but they are telling us parents what to do. Teacher has superseded the home in the training of our young people. What teacher says to a child has more weight than the woodshed treatment father administers. But when teacher sees the crime wave so prevalent among our young she immediately lays the blame on the home instead of taking her portion of it. She teaches directly and indirectly disrespect for parental authority which is the basis for all authority, but refuses to accept the responsibility for the result."

The Household author says times have changed since he attended school. He realizes that "But," he remarks, "fundamentals have not changed. We are paying our school teachers to teach fundamentals. We are paying them to teach fundamentals in a better, easier, speedier way than we were taught. But it does not necessarily follow if we do not keep abreast of all the up-to-date methods of applying these fundamentals that we are mosebacks! We ordinary people are sick and tired of the idea that we must keep up with our children. We expect them to go on ahead of us, to push the world ahead of them. We expect teachers to keep ahead of us, we demand that she have a better education, but we demand too that she cease pushing forward that supercilious superiority complex in which she indulges before our children and also before us if we chance to make an opportunity to talk with her about our children. We are paying our teachers to teach our children, not us.

"Teachers are inviting us every day to visit the schools and see how they are being run. They even invite our advice, but I'm not so sure they want it. I've belonged to five parent-teacher groups and I have yet to get a discussion of the child problem from the viewpoint of the parent who supports that child. The main use of a parent-teacher group, so far as I can see, is to get up entertainments to buy school supplies which the taxpayers will not afford. That is laudable. But so far as cooperation of teacher and parent is concerned, it is a one-sided arrangement. The teachers want the parent co-operation, but they are not so keen on co-operation with the parent. There is a heap of difference."

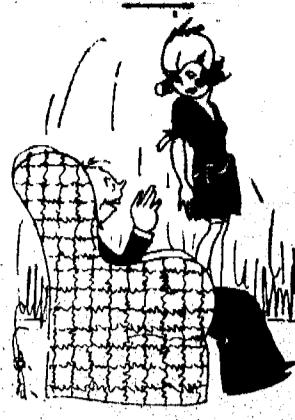


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Fog Dodes Lights  
The commissioner of lighthouses says that there is no light that will penetrate a dense fog for much distance. The lights in present use are considered fair weather signals, and at the onset of fog other means of warning are employed.

#### FICTION STORIES



He—So you like to hear of my experiences in the war?  
She—Do I? I love fiction.

Opal Simply Formed  
Water is responsible for the beautiful colors seen in an opal, for an opal consists only of water and a variety of flint, combined by natural action.

TAXES ARE DUE  
I will be ready to collect taxes December 10th and will have headquarters at the office of the Judge of Probate at the court house, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

CARL JENSON,  
Township Clerk



# Welcome...1931

And we wish for one and all

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year

### CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

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#### PAY DOG TAX TO CO. TREAS.

Dog taxes are now payable at the office of the County Treasurer at the Court House. Pay now and avoid penalty.

WM. FERGUSON,

County Treasurer.

Allen, 294 Judson street, Pontiac, Mich. 12-25-2

LOST—Five Jersey steers. Should have tag with my name and address in ear. Notify Menno Esch, Mio, Mich. 12-18-3

WORK WANTED—By young lady. Housework or any other work a lady can do. Miss Della Fry. Inquire at Avalanche office.

BRICK, PLASTERING and CEMENT work wanted. Axel Swanson, Grayling. 10-16-tf.

FOR SALE—Modern house. Lights, water, hotwater heat, oil burner, nicely located. Bargain. See O. P. Schumann at Avalanche office.

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WANTED—Housework of any kind. Cleaning or any other work. Mrs. Lizzie Loper, Lake street, 12-18-tf.

LOST—Saturday, Nov. 29th, a 33 calibre automatic Remington gun in case, in or near Grayling. Liberal reward for its return, or information about same. Lynn D.

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# News Review of Current Events the World Over

**Eighteenth Amendment Held Invalid—Congress Wrangles Over Relief Measures—Revolt of Spanish Republicans Ruthlessly Crushed.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

BECAUSE it was adopted by legislatures, but without action by constitutional conventions in the states, the Eighteenth amendment is invalid, according to an opinion of Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey. He ruled that only by constitutional conventions and not by state legislatures can such amendments which transfer to the United States powers heretofore reserved to the people, be ratified.

Judge Clark's decision of the manner in which the prohibition amendment was adopted was tested before Judge Clark by a group of attorneys—all members of the New York County Lawyers association—after a study of two years. The group represented William Sprague, a township clerk in New Jersey, who had been indicted for transporting beer. By the decision the indictment was quashed. The jurist declared the question he was deciding had never been presented to any court and said he was not bound by any earlier or higher authority.

Judge Clark's decision created wide interest, though all except perhaps the most inveterate wets believed it would in the end amount to nothing. Atty. Gen. William D. Mitchell instructed United States Attorney Philip Forman of New Jersey to take an immediate appeal to the United States Supreme court. At the same time Mr. Mitchell and Prohibition Director Amos W. Woodcock notified their subordinates and the public that pending the appeal prosecutions under the Volstead and Jones laws will continue without interruption in New Jersey and throughout the country.

Study of Supreme court decisions disclosed that on June 1, 1920, the tribunal handed down a unanimous decision sustaining the authority of congress to determine whether proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to state legislatures or conventions. However, the complexion of the court has changed since then. The new members who will pass on the Clark decision are Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Sutherland, Butler, Stone and Roberts.

EMERGENCY relief measures were held up in both house and senate while the members of congress wrangled and debated. The Democratic and radical Republican senators were stubbornly opposed to the provision in the \$116,000,000 building fund bill which would permit the President to transfer funds from one class of projects to another. They finally yielded. Senator McKellar of Tennessee made another bitter attack on Mr. Hoover in the course of which he asserted the President had never finally accounted for the one hundred million dollars which he administered for European relief in 1919. Senator Otis F. Glenn of Illinois and others warmly defended Mr. Hoover and scathingly rebuked McKellar.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin put through without opposition a resolution calling for the appearance before the appropriations committee of Col. Arthur Woods, chairman of the President's employment committee; John Barton Payne, head of the Red Cross and others, to tell the facts concerning unemployment. The President had previously refused to transmit to the senate any reports to him from Colonel Woods, declaring he had received only notes and verbal suggestions that were confidential.

PROCEEDINGS in the senate were cut short Wednesday by the sudden announcement of the death of Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont at a hospital in St. Albans following an operation for hernia. Senator Greene had been partially paralyzed since 1924 when he was struck by a stray bullet fired in a gun fight between bootleggers and prohibition agents in Washington. He was sixty years of age. In his earlier years he was an editor and he served through the Spanish-American war, after which he was in the regular army.

Cameron Morrison, former governor of North Carolina, was sworn in as senator from that state to fill out the term of the late Senator Lee Overman.

MEMBERS of congress representing ten of the central states called on President Hoover to solicit his aid in a drive to obtain the elimination of restrictions against the use of corn sugar in various products thereby

AIRPLANE TYPE RODIES IN NEW HUDSON-ESSEX

Hudson-Essex all-steel bodies are airplane type construction; all panels danged for greater strength without added weight. The steel roof is welded into position provides one solid pillar around the body to ride the windshiel pillar. This rigid construction removes any tendency of body to wave, thus stop-

ping body creaks at the source. Acoustical felt padding is placed behind every panel making a "body within the body" and preventing body drumming and resonance.

## High-Hatting the Wife

Often one goes home to dinner with friends who walk into their own houses as though they were walking into a big dining room—American Magazine.

THE REVOLUTION IN THE HOME

Automatic heat has caused a mild revolution in American domestic life.

The basement, once the storage place for dirty, unhandy supplies of fuel for old-fashioned furnaces, has become a billiard room, a dog-kid playground.

Gas, a leading industrial fuel, is likewise a leader in household convenience. Its economy, efficiency, cleanliness and automatic action have made it a boon to the home owner.

NEW CRUISER TO BE READY JANUARY 31

The U. S. S. Augusta, building at Newport News, Va., will be delivered to the government about January 31, instead of March 15 as originally scheduled, and shortly thereafter will be commissioned under the command of Capt. Joseph O. Richardson, U. S. Navy, according to the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit. The Augusta will relieve the U. S. S. Arkansas as

flagship of the scouting fleet, and will join that fleet in the spring at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, upon the return of the fleet from winter maneuvers at Panama. Thereafter the Arkansas will become flagship of the training squadron. The usual shake-down cruise will not be made by the Augusta because of the departmental policy of fuel conservation.

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Father Sage says:

Any summer girl is willing to compromise by returning the young man's heart and keeping the ring.

And some don't

And some girls' hearts never get a break—Pathfinder Magazine.

Two of a kind

Llama Faithful Friend

to Indians of Bolivia

The llama is an animal which stands from 3½ to 4 feet in height, with a long neck, which makes her seem much taller. She is covered with a very fine wool—black, white, gray or brown in color. She is a graceful animal, with the step of a gazelle and having the timidity of the camel, says a traveler.

The llama is the faithful companion of the Aymara, or Bolivian Indian. Everything she has is for him; he eats the meat of the llama; he uses the wool to make ponchos (blankets) or cloaks, hats and stockings; he makes horns and flutes from her bones and ropes and sandals from her hide. The llama understands, recognizes and likes her master, running instantly at the sound of his voice and obeying his commands like a child, for she has no reins nor halter. For any one else, a stranger or enemy of the Indian, she does not conceal her dislike and will have nothing to do with him, often splitting in his face. She is an economical animal, for her master never has to worry about her food. She takes it when she wants it from the wayside, eating straw and vegetation. Like the camel, she, too, can go many days without water. The llama is used more for transportation than anything else. She carries from 50 to 60 pounds. Some carry 80, or even 100 pounds, but she knows her capacity and refuses an extra ounce. She is dear to the hearts of all Boliviens.

COULDN'T BE KISSED

Wifey—if I should die, what would you do?

Hubby—Oh, the same thing you would do in the circumstances.

Wifey—You wretched! I've always suspected it.

Cancer Unknown Among Habitual Onion Eaters

Once more the humble onion is being honored by a medical authority, writes the Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. According to Doctor Lukhovsky, who has for some years been engaged in cancer research work, raw onions are not only a preventive, but also a cure for cancer. Onions, he says, like a number of other vegetables, have radioactive properties when eaten raw, and he has sought to make use of them. He found from statistics which he collected from all parts of the world that in those places where raw onions formed a staple part of the ordinary diet cancer was practically unknown.

There are certain communities of Jewish ascetics in Russia and Poland who live exclusively on bread, raw onions and water, and among these, he declares, not a single case of cancer has been recorded. Serbians, Bulgarians, and certain communities in the Caucasus who eat raw onions daily are singularly free from cancer.

IT WAS POSSIBLE

She—How many times have I told you you couldn't kiss me?

He—I don't know, but I've proved it could every time.

POLITENESS—A GOOD SIGN

"I believe that children should be trained to be polite for their own sake, if for no other reason." Furthermore Nelson Antrim Crawford, editor-in-chief of The Household Magazine, writes in an editorial in the January issue, "Few assets are universally more valuable. The best salesman that I know does not dash in ahead of everybody in the office and try high-pressure tactics; rather, he is invariably courteous to everybody, from the office boy to the president of the firm on which he is calling, and speaks with the utmost politeness and good will of his most scrupulous competitor."

"Other things being equal, a polite boy or girl will always get the preference for a job. What is more, politeness is frequently the determining factor in holding a job, and in gaining promotion. This fact should be impressed on young people—and impressed by example, the best way of teaching."

MEN SEEK HOME COMFORT WHEN THEY GET MARRIED

Mrs. Irene Westbrook, writer of "Us Brides of a Year" column in the January Household Magazine says,

"We hear much about the bride's rosy dreams and how they are all coming true as she furnishes the new nest to suit her taste and cooks in the shiny new kitchen. But we do not hear about the groom's dreams; surely he has some, too, or he wouldn't have bought rings and flowers and planned a wedding day. The dreams he may have of a deep-seated, high-backed chair with a footrest and a smoking stand close by, and lots of books and magazines; or of a fireplace where he can pile logs on winter nights and talk with friends while the red sparks sputter and die; or of a yard where he can plant roses and honeysuckle and watch for the red and green challenge of barberry and evergreens after a snowfall. It may be any of these, or others, or what is better still, just a deep interest in everything that goes on inside the house and in the yard. But whatever it is, surely the home should encourage his interest and be a place where he can see his ideas carried out."

U. S. MAY NOT BUILD UP TO TREATY PROGRAM

According to the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit, the United States Navy may not build up to the maximum strength allowed in the London Treaty by 1936. Admiral Pratt, Chief of Naval Operations, is reported as stating that such a program would prove too expensive. The Admiral, however, expresses the hope that an authorization for such construction could be obtained by that time. He is further quoted as saying that he wants only a limited number of six-inch gun cruisers for close work under the protection of the battleships but that he would like all of the eight-inch gun cruisers allowed as they are excellent.

Speedy Relief for Sore Throat

This Doctor's Prescription Requires No Gargling

No longer is it necessary to gargle and choke with nasty tasting medicines to relieve sore throat. Now you can get almost instant relief with one swallow of a doctor's famous prescription. This prescription was refilled so often that the druggist who originally filled it decided to put it up under the name "Therine" and make it available to everyone.

The remarkable thing about Therine is that it relieves almost instantaneously, yet contains nothing harmful. It is pleasant tasting, and safe for the whole family, and is guaranteed to relieve sore throat or scratch in 15 minutes or money back. Put up ready for use in 30c, 60c, and \$1.00 bottles. Sold by Mac & Gandy's drug store and all other good drug stores.

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES  
OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, January 2, 1908

N. McMahon of Sarnia, Ont., is visiting his parents at the McKay House.

The planing mill started up again Monday morning.

Miss Grace Philip and Miss Buddie Bell of Bay City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Smith.

Mrs. W. J. Snively of Roscommon is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Geo. Leonard has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in the southern part of the state.

Arthur Brindle, a twelve year old boy of Frederic, shot himself accidentally while out hunting. He will recover.

Our thaw of last week caught cold Saturday night and over six inches of snow fell before morning. So the lumbermen were made happy.

Norway pine stumps are getting to be an article of commerce. Geo. F. Owen shipped several car loads of them to Toledo.

Charles Howland is completing the cement floors in the opera house basement this week, and Deckrow is nearly through with the plumbing, so the new heating plant will soon give comfort to all.

Sheriff Amidon took Henry Rogers, a genuine bum, to the Detroit House of Correction Saturday night who was sent up for sixty days by Justice Niedner for larceny.

A young gaffer, fairly well filled with booze, after dinner Wednesday was using profane and vulgar language in the postoffice, and refused to desist as requested by the P. M., when Mr. Bates laid him on the pavement out doors and sat down on him to await the arrival of the sheriff, but finally let him go on his promise of good behavior. He should have sent him up, or cuffed a little sober sense into him.

Harry Pond and family have moved to Wolverine, from where he has a R. R. job on the branch. They will be missed by many friends.

Wm. McCullough and wife have been spending the holiday time with his sister at Allegan, and with other friends at Kalamazoo.

Mrs. L. C. Marsh, Mrs. Bell Danna and Miss Gladys Peck were down from Logan and made the Peck's house sing over Christmas.

Alfred Sorenson is here on a visit from Chicago. He has a good position there as a window trimmer, and likes the windy city.

Comrade W. S. Chalker came down from his home in Maple Forest over the terrible roads last Saturday to be present at the G. A. R. Post and drove home in the night.

There was a glad christening party at the residence of "Grandpa" Michelson last Tuesday, when Frank Rasmus Michelson of Johannesburg was given his name, which we trust will be honored through his life.

David Flagg has sold his home to J. M. Bunting, the M. C. Lineman for this division. Mr. Flagg has moved into the Schmit house south of the M. E. church, and thinks he will move to Washington in the spring.

John Putrin and A. F. Murry, of Frederic went hunting Sunday, and got lost in the big Underhill swamps. By climbing a tree they could see the lights of Grayling, and they arrived here at 10 o'clock p.m. in a dilapidated

ated condition.

The Johannesburg Mfg. Co., has issued an unique calendar, representing Master Nelson Hartwick, five years old, grandson of N. Michelson as buyer, and Lewis Michelson son of F. L., three years old, as seller in front of a lumber pile, having a dispute regarding measurement.

William B. Mershon, of Saginaw, a member of the state forestry commission, has just ordered 5,000 basswood seedlings from the forest nursery at Dundee, Ill., which he will set out as soon as weather permits in the spring on the reserve he and others have established along the AuSable river. These seedlings are in addition to large orders placed for white and norway pine seeds.

Our "Dad's" must feel exceedingly gratified if they have heard, as we have, hundreds of complimentary remarks on the success of gutters and traps on the main streets in carrying the surface water into the sewers. The pond from in front of the bank down to Cedar St. would average a foot in depth and about the same on Cedar St. north of the Avenue during the thaw last week. It was wonderfully gratifying to the small boys who saw the ice rink forming.

At the last meeting of Marvin Post, G. A. R., there was the largest attendance of the year, and as the "boys" grow older, a stronger exhibition of the feeling of fraternity that exists among them. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Com.-Adelbert Taylor  
S. V. C.-Daniel S. Waldron.

J. V. S.-Robert McElroy.  
O. M.-Delevan Smith.

Chap.-A. C. Wilcox.

O. D.-R. P. Forbes.

O. G.-T. K. Chittigo.

Surg.-O. Palmer.

Delegate to State encampment-Wright Haines.

Alternate-R. P. Forbes.

Maple Wood Arbor 1020 A. O. O. G. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Chief-Hans Christianson.

Vice Chief-Geo. Anna.

Sec. Treas.-Mrs. Mary Stewart.

Chaplain-Mrs. C. Christianson.

Lecturer-Mrs. L. Moon.

Conductor-H. E. Parker.

Conductress-Mrs. L. Hanna.

Outside Guard-A. Mortenson.

Inner Guard-Fred Parker.

Garfield Circle No. 16 Ladies of the G. A. R. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Pres.-Alta Fairbotham.

S. V.-Addella Wilson.

J. V.-Carrie Pratt.

Chap.-Jennie Freeland.

Con-Bertha Oaks.

Asst. Con-Nettie Conkright.

Guard-Henrietta Wilcox.

Asst. Guard-Abbie Austin.

Sec.-Cordelia McClain.

Treas.-Anna Harrington.

Lovells Locals-(28 years ago)

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Miss M. Ibister was doing business at the county seat.

Miss Etta Martin is spending her vacation at home in Sanilac county.

Joseph Day of Lewiston was in town Tuesday.

Ray Owen was home for dinner Christmas.

E. S. Houghton slipped while loading poles and has been limping a few days since. It is hard to lay Ed up.

Sheriff Amidon was in town Thursday.

### 31% OF BANDED DUCKS SHOT

Prior to the opening of the duck season last fall, 182 wild black ducks and mallards were banded by operators of the game division of the Conservation Department. Since that time 41 of the banded birds, about 31 percent, have been shot and reported to the Department. 29 of the ducks were killed by Michigan hunters, 10 of these ducks shot being near the site where they were banded; 6 were killed in Wisconsin; 2 in Indiana; and 1 each in Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa.

As it is probable that some of these ducks may go much further south and as many of the southern states have seasons which extend into January, the chances are that others will be killed and possibly reported.

Game authorities are of the opinion that if this is a fair example of the kill of local black ducks and mallards, there is a possible need for further restrictions in hunting, or

for other conservation measures. It has been suggested that the use of live decoys should be prohibited during the first week of the open season when the young birds are so easily shot; or that the day limit of mallards and certain other species should be reduced below the present limit of fifteen.

The Conservation Commission at its December meeting indicated that recommendations would be made to the 1931 Legislature concerning a shortening of the present wildfowl season.

The hope was expressed in the Department recently that Michigan's waterfowl affairs might receive more careful consideration on the part of hunters and others interested in the conservation and improvement of waterfowl conditions. Anyone having information or suggestions on the subject is urged to give the state's game officials the benefits of their observations.

### MICHIGAN IMPORTING TROUT EGGS

Michigan is now importing "eggs" by the millions. Fish eggs-to be exact, brook trout eggs-and in numbers better than eight millions.

The trout eggs are being received by the various state fish hatcheries from commercial sources in Colorado, Montana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Four million more brook trout eggs will be produced locally in state fish hatcheries, and with those received from out-state will supply approximately twelve and one-half million brook trout eggs for the 1930-31 hatching season.

Of the total, more than five million are to be allotted to Upper Peninsula hatcheries as follows: 2,600,000 to Thompson; to Marquette Hatchery, 1,300,000; and 1,500,000 to the Waterman Hatchery. In the Lower Peninsula distribution will be Odessa, 1,750,000; Harrisville, 1,500,000; Hart, 1,250,000; Benton Harbor, 500,000; Harrietta, 1,500,000; Grayling, 500,000; and several hundred thousand yet to be allotted.

The Paris hatchery will produce about five million brown trout eggs, a part of which will be transferred to the Harrisville and Thompson hatcheries for incubation.

All the trout and whitefish hatcheries are in operation, taking care of the brook trout eggs, and the lake trout and whitefish eggs gathered from the Great Lakes during the recent spawn collecting season.

### CHEVROLET TO OCCUPY POSITION OF HONOR AT N.Y. SHOW

When the doors open next Saturday on the 31st National Automobile Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, the Chevrolet Motor Company will occupy the position of honor on the show floor for the fourth consecutive year.

Each year the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce awards first place at the national automobile shows to that member company doing the largest volume of business during the previous twelve months.

The award is one much coveted within the industry, for in addition to the distinction it conveys it also carries with it the right to first choice of exhibition space at the national automobile shows at New York and Chicago.

Back in the days of the four cylinder Chevrolet this honor first fell to the company. Since that time the margin between the leader and the runner-up has measurably widened, even since the change-over from a four to a six.

### WHEN CRIME WAS HAZARDOUS

The Deseret News of Salt Lake City takes a strong stand against anti-revolver laws—a favorite nostrum of our crime reformers. When a revolver was a part of the equipment of the pony express rider and the cowboy, says the News, "when the shotgun was carried on the driver's seat of the stage coach, and when the merchant at the cross-roads served goods over a counter that covered suddenly death under a trigger, police protection was desired, but not absolutely necessary. Robbery was hazardous in the extreme. Men were not held up and slugged for a little small change."

In other words, the anti-gun laws—obeyed by society, disregarded by the underworld—are the criminal's ally. They make it possible for him to carry on his "work" with a maximum of success and a minimum of danger. They prevent, by penalty of the law, the good citizen from protecting his home, his business, his family and himself.

We live in an age when whole cities are terrorized by bombs and machine guns when it is said a person can be hired to commit a murder for as little as seven dollars, when, apparently, the police and the courts are impotent. And—to cure all this we suggest that the law-abiding citizen be prohibited from owning a revolver or pistol.

If your home has increased in value, protect your equity. Let us help you to keep your insurance protection adequate.

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### Dutch Banking Traced to Thirteenth Century

The Netherlands has been called the birthplace of progressive banking. Obscure records tell of Dutch mortgage banking and money-changing operations as early as the Thirteenth century. The Netherlands' first great bank, the Amsterdam Exchange bank (Wisselbank), was established in 1600. This institution was one of the first large banks in Europe, says United States Commerce Reports, having been founded 85 years before the bank of England. As its name implies, the Wisselbank was engaged primarily in exchanging moneys, although it also was permitted to function as a general cashier for merchants. It could accept deposits and pay bills, but was not allowed to lend its deposits. Instead, the depositor usually paid one-eighth of 1 per cent to the bank for the safe-keeping of his funds.

The exchange bank system having utilized its usefulness, joint stock companies first appeared as early as 1806. One of the oldest central banks of the world, was established in 1814. The enormous financing required during the Dutch colonial expansion necessitated an international banking structure and explains the modern and efficient banking structure of the Netherlands.

### Father Nile Long Held

#### SACRED BY EGYPTIANS

To the ancient Egyptians the annual flooding and fertilizing of their country by the river was a special gift of the gods, if indeed Father Nile was not himself a god of special beneficence to the people who dwell on his shores.

All their wealth, all their comfort, all their precious water came from the Nile, and they worshipped it as their dearest benefactor. When a pharaoh saw in a vision fat and lean cattle rising up from the sacred Nile it was a portent not by any means to be disregarded.

When the daughter of another pharaoh found, in the Nile, a baby floating in just such a boat of papyrus reeds daubed with bitumen, or inside with mud, as ferrymen used of a larger size for crossing the river, it seemed to her plous and maternal mind that this might be a special gift from Father Nile himself. Perhaps it was meant to be a special blessing to the royal court, even though the little one had its origin in a Hebrew home!—Montreal Family Herald.

### "Panacea"

Another word that is almost invariably misused is "panacea." It is employed as if it were a synonym for "remedy" or "cure." But it means much more than that. A panacea is a universal remedy or cure; that is, a cure for everything, a cure-all. To speak of a panacea for a particular ailment is absurd. What the farmer needs for his economic illness is a remedy. Perhaps it is an indication of the seriousness with which observers view his condition that they are apt to speak of suggested remedies not as remedies but as panaceas. To such an extent is the meaning of the word misapprehended that one even sees the expression "universal panacea," which is like saying "limitless infinity"—as if there could be any other kind.

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### From the Latin

From "mort," the Latin word for "death," comes an old English word "mort," meaning both "death" and "dead." "Gage" is equivalent to "pledge" (as in the phrase "gage of battle"); so "mortgage" means "dead pledge." The idea behind it is thus explained by Sir Edward Coke, attorney general to King James I: "It seemeth that the cause why it is called mortgage is, for that it is doubtful whether the feofor will pay at the day limited such summe or not, & if he doth not pay, then the Land which is put in pledge upon condition for the payment of the money, is taken from him forever and so dead to him."

Kansas City Times.

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Do you remember way back when,  
(Say, thirty, forty years)  
You never saw your sweetheart's limbs,  
But judged her by her ears?  
  
The kids were washed each Saturday night,  
Their daddy cut their hair,  
Their suits were made from Uncle's pants,  
And they wore no underwear.  
  
The women padded, but did not paint;  
Nor smoke, nor drink, nor vote.  
The men wore boots and little stiff hats,  
And whiskers like a goat.  
  
Not a soul had appendicitis.  
Nor thought of buying glands,  
The butcher gave his liver away,  
But charged you for his hands.  
  
You never needed a bank account,  
Your beer gave six per cent.  
The hired girl got three bucks a week,  
And twelve bones paid the rent.  
  
You could stand each night when work was o'er,  
With one foot on the rail,  
And your hip supported not a thing,  
Except your own shirt tail.  
  
You had real friends and trusted them,  
You knew they were sincere,  
Just as we are with our wish to you,  
On this here glad New Year."

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### News Briefs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1931

Gerald Herrick had his tonsils removed at Mercy Hospital Monday.

Born to Mrs. Laura Welsh, a daughter Dolores Darline on Saturday, Dec. 20th.

Grayling schools will open next Monday following the holiday vacation.

Miss Jean Thorne is spending the holiday vacation at her home in Alpena.

Miss Arlene Pollack of Detroit visited at the home of her uncle, Emil Kraus, over Christmas.

Miss Priscilla Parks of Gaylord is spending several days here, the guest of Miss Mary Rasmussen.

Mrs. Edward McCracken of Fredonia was a pleasant caller at the Avalanche office Saturday.

William Fischer of Detroit was a week end guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Carl Sorenson.

Miss Genieve Montour of Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

Principal LaVere Cushman underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils at Mercy Hospital Tuesday morning.

Mrs. and Mrs. Emil Hanson, son Neil and daughter Miss Elizabeth were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson.

Edwin Gibbons submitted to an operation for hernia at Mercy Hospital Saturday morning. He is getting along very satisfactorily.

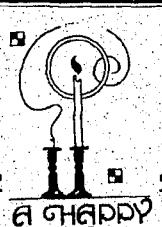
Miss Marguerite Montour arrived home Tuesday from Inkster, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lipman Landsberg for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Vincent and children of Flint visited over Christmas at the home of Mrs. Vincent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman.

Don't fail to hear Prof. C. A. Fisher in his lecture "The meaning of Adult Education" at the High School auditorium next Tuesday evening, Jan. 6.

Mrs. Katherine Laskos enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laskos and son Roger of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ekkens of Bay City as guests over Christmas.

Grayling Lumberjacks defeated the Harrison Indies on the latter's court last Friday night by the score of 24 and 17. Harrison plays a return game here Friday night. Be sure and see it.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

LET A. & P. add to your Prosperity this year by saving you money on your Food Needs.

Fr. Culligan enjoyed having as his guest over Christmas his father of Grand Rapids.

Miss Dorothy Hoesli is home from the Central State Teachers College for the holiday vacation.

Miss Marion Reynolds has resumed her duties at the Petersen's grocery, after a three weeks illness.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVere Cushman and son Robert Squire spent Christmas in Mt. Pleasant with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Olds of Richardson's Camp are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Albert Engel of Alba.

Miss Helen Lietz of Bay City was home for Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Lietz.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith entertained a number of their friends at a dancing party Saturday evening.

Miss Louise LaVack was hostess to a number of her friends Monday evening to celebrate her birthday anniversary.

Murray McKenna of Lansing visited over Christmas with Mrs. McKenna at the home of her mother, Mrs. Clara McLeod.

Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Dick of Flint are spending New Years at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milks and son of Traverse City were guests of Mrs. Milks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Jordan and sons Mutt, Clarence and Mike of Melvyn visited over Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Henry Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hathaway of Lansing returned home Sunday after spending Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Hermann.

Charles Hill, who is with the Y. M. C. A. in Detroit and attending Detroit City College this year, spent Christmas in Grayling a guest of Alton Jarmin.

Grayling Chapter O. E. S. held a special meeting at the I. O. O. F. Temple, Monday evening, when Miss Doris Corsaut of Frederic was initiated into the order.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan and sons, Ted, Billy and Jack spent the weekend in Detroit and Saginaw visiting relatives, leaving Thursday night and returning Monday.

The Hospital Aid society will meet Thursday, January 1st at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson. Mrs. Hanson will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Charles Tromble.

Mrs. Maxine Curtis and children of Davio are spending the holidays at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Clara McLeod. Kenneth McLeod and Jack Rust are also visiting here.

The regular communication of Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 1st at 7:30 o'clock at the Oddfellows Temple. Important business. Every member should be present.

Miss Margaret Warren was hostess to a few friends at a very delightful luncheon Monday afternoon. Guests were Misses Jane Keyport, Anna Hanson, Elizabeth Matson, Pauline Lietz and Mary Schumann.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bosworth of Bay City were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, also Miss Helen Johnson was a guest here. The latter at present is visiting her sister Mrs. Earl Merry at Gaylord.

Miss Jane Keyport entertained a few friends at a very attractive luncheon at her home Wednesday afternoon. Guests included Misses Elizabeth Matson, Margaret Warren, Anna Hanson, Pauline Lietz, Georgina Olson and Mary Schumann.

Miss Irene McKay, supervisor at Mercy Hospital will leave Friday to spend a day in Bay City before going to Chicago, where she will take a post-graduate course in anesthetics. Miss McKay, who is a very efficient nurse, desires to keep up-to-date in her nursing work.

The Danish people of the community and many from out of town, who were guests in the city gathered at the Daniel Hall last Friday evening for the annual Christmas party. This is always a pleasant event for the Danish families as they meet and exchange good wishes for the holiday season. The usual Christmas trees brilliantly lighted, was the center of attraction around which the children frolicked and played. Christmas carols were sung and late in the evening coffee and other refreshments enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church please take notice that the Aid meeting for Jan. 2 has been postponed to Friday, Jan. 9, when it will be entertained by Mrs. Holger Hanson. Mrs. Holger Schmidt and Mrs. Carl Sorenson will assist on the committee. Members please bring their Beeb money.

Christmas in St. Mary's church was beautifully observed with the usual midnight mass, followed by a mass at 11:00 o'clock on Christmas day. The church altars were resplendent, barked with balsam twigs forming wreaths and sprays with poinsettias and many colored lights arranged through them. The crib at the side altar was also beautiful with colored lights. The hymnal part of the mass was beautifully rendered by the choir, with Mrs. Marius Hanson as accompanist and solo parts were sung by Mrs. Frank Tetu, Miss Margaret Warren, Miss Lucille Hanson, William Hewitt and Joseph Cassidy. Fr. Culligan's Christmas message was fine, and full of the true Christmas spirit. There was an extra large congregation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dingeman and little daughter Valta Elaine of Detroit were guests of Mrs. Dingeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald last week, coming to spend Christmas.

Mrs. C. J. McNamara and son Junior are spending New Years in Flint. They left Monday and were accompanied by Marius Hanson who visited his brother Herman, he returning Tuesday.

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Professor C. A. Fisher of the Extension Division of the University of Michigan will give a lecture at the High School auditorium next Tuesday evening, Jan. 6. The Professor comes here through the efforts of the Grayling District Nurses association, who would be pleased to have many of the people of Grayling and surrounding country in attendance. Professor Fisher's topic is entitled "The meaning of Adult Education." The time is 7:30 o'clock. Everyone cordially invited.

**THE SPACE FILLER**

A. E. Martin

AUTO-SUGGESTION

One bright morning not many days ago The Space Filler observed from his window a citizen of the village sauntering leisurely toward his place of business. His cap was set well back of his head and his long overcoat was thrown open to the breeze. His lungs were taking in deep draughts of Northern Michigan's glorious winter ozone; there was a smile upon his face, and he looked as though he didn't have a care or worry in the world. He paused for a moment to read the thermometer on the outside wall of Chris Olsen's drug store—and, presto, what a change! The cap was quickly pulled forward on his head and down over the tips of his ears, the overcoat collar was turned up around his neck and the coat buttoned down its full length, and his hands thrust deep in its pockets—as, with a somewhat drawn expression of countenance, the former care-free citizen now hurried briskly for shelter from winter's chilly blasts. What a little thing it takes to entirely change men's moods.

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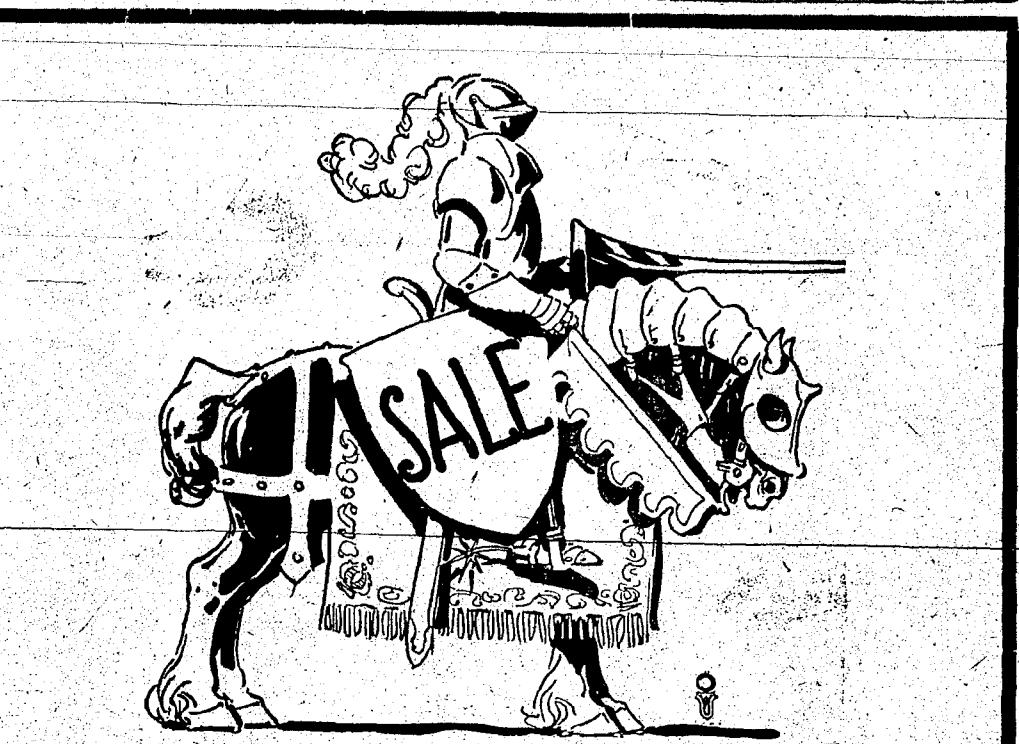
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**SOME AMERICAN OBSERVATIONS**

By Jay Taylor

Calvin Coolidge says that we have no desire to interfere in European affairs and that it certainly would be difficult to secure an agreement from us to become involved in their disputes. How untimely this observation must sound to those tools and dupes of foreign propaganda that are now urging the government to become entangled in European quarrels.

The Health Commissioner of New York says that the common cold is the most formidable enemy of the public health and it takes more money out of the worker's pockets than any other sickness. He thinks that our schools and other public institutions should exercise more care in preventing the spread of this highly infectious disease.

The highest freight rates in the history of the country and the worse service ever experienced is the record of our government's operation of railroads about ten years ago, and after it was all over the American taxpayer had to shoulder the deficit of many hundreds of millions of dollars caused by the carelessness of government management. We must admit, however, that any large government operation will furnish a number of fat jobs for the friends of the politicians.

Petitions to the President on questions of our foreign nations would be more impressive if a large proportion of the signers were not persons who generally take the European side of every question where there is a conflict of interests between the



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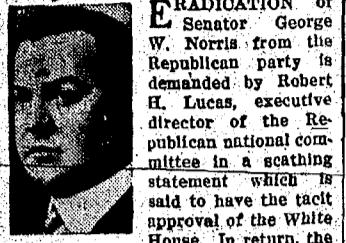
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# News Review of Current Events the World Over

**Lucas Tries to Oust Senator Norris From Republican Party—Borah Thinks Special Session Will Be Necessary.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD



**Eradication** of Senator George W. Norris from the Republican party is demanded by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican national committee in a scathing statement which is said to have the tacit approval of the White House. In return, the independent Republican senators insist that the national committee oust Mr. Lucas. Chairman Fess of the committee has declared for a hands-off policy, but a showdown is demanded by Senator Howell of Nebraska and others, and there is in prospect a lively party quarrel that may very well embarrass the Republicans greatly. All this is the outcome of the discovery by the Nye campaign fund committee that Lucas financed a campaign against the re-election of Norris. Lucas has freely admitted the facts and defends his action by the assertion that the Nebraska senator is not really a Republican and has no right to be classed as such.

"To accept office at the hands of this party and then viciously oppose its policies, principles and leadership, brings an intolerable situation and one which must be eradicated, if the party is to live," says Mr. Lucas.

"Such conduct by Senator Norris has been revolting and until the leaders of the Republican party not only fail to support but give their active opposition to men like Senator Norris, they are not doing their full duty to the party which has come down to us from Lincoln."

After telling how he privately contributed three pieces of literature to the anti-Norris campaign, Lucas goes on to relate in detail the many ways in which Norris has displayed his "party treachery" and "Ingratitude" by opposing the administrations and policies of Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, all of which is part of history though heretofore officially ignored by Republican party chieftains.

Convened by an emergency call by Chairman Nye, the senate committee discovered further that the \$4,000 which Lucas borrowed to pay for the anti-Norris propaganda and for which he gave his personal note was guaranteed by a \$40,000 special account of the Republican national committee in the Commercial National bank in Washington. This was in the nature of a counter attack against Lucas and was reinforced by statements made by Norris and Senator Cutting of New Mexico. The Nebraskan openly charged that Lucas had sworn to falsehood when he testified before the committee that the money he paid was his own private fund. Cutting condemned Norris and attacked the national committee.

Then up stepped Representative Wood of Indiana on behalf of Lucas and "caved" afar a brick at Senator Norris; whereupon Senator Brookhart of Iowa, finding it wasn't a private fight, shied a dornick at Secretary Mellon and called Lucas "an ingrateful warr."

There were indications that President Hoover and the other party leaders would ignore, officially, the entire quarrel, which would perhaps be the safest course if not the bravest.

Whether or not Lucas wins out in his fight on Norris, it is now thought doubtful that he will be made chairman to succeed Senator Fess. The man now most prominently mentioned for the place is Ray Benjamin of San Francisco, a close friend of President Hoover. Several weeks ago Mr. Benjamin had several conferences with the President. Then he went home and cleared up his private affairs and returned to Washington for an indefinite stay. When questioned concerning the report that he was to be given the chairmanship, he said he was in the capital to realize an old desire to open law offices there, and added: "I will do anything I can, however, for my party."

Mr. Benjamin has had an extensive legal career and has been active in politics in California. He was regional director for the national committee for the west coast section in the Republican campaign of 1920.

**COLONEL ARTHUR WOODS**, chairman of the President's emergency committee on unemployment, believes the \$116,000,000 public works law enacted by congress and signed by Mr. Hoover, will have a big effect in reducing unemployment and stimulating purchases. In an interview the colonel said:

"With this additional opportunity and with the co-operation of all federal branches together with the help of state and local authorities, we should soon witness a material re-

suit in the absorption of unemployed and in the stimulation of purchases of building materials which will be involved."

"All branches of state and municipal governments throughout the country are working together to slash the red tape which is impeding their own public works projects. The result will be that a great program of public works will be pushed forward into production and jobs created to help meet the present emergency."

Colonel Woods issued another warning to unemployed men to stay in their home communities and not wander about aimlessly seeking work. Jobless transients, he said, are causing serious problems in many communities which, while organized to care for their own destitute, cannot be taxed by outsiders. Woods also called on farmers throughout the country to co-operate in giving whatever work possible to unemployed men.

Senator Wagner of New York says that as soon as congress convenes after the holiday recess he will introduce a resolution calling for a study of the public and private unemployment systems here and abroad, and also a bill proposing federal and state co-operation in the maintenance of such a system.

**SENATOR BORAH** doesn't want anyone to think he would conduct a filibuster in congress after the holidays, but he believes there is so much important legislation to be disposed of that a special session immediately after March 4 will be necessary and should be called by the President. The President, it was that brought about the special session in the spring of 1928. Legislation which the Idaho solon considers of pressing importance includes power and railroad measures, the anti-injunction bill, the motor bus bill, further unemployment relief and perhaps chief of all, the export debenture farm relief scheme.

The closing hours before congress recessed for the holidays Mr. Borah led other senators in a hot attack on the federal farm board's wheat operations. Chairman Alexander Legge of the board, being asked what he thought of Borah's charge that the board in buying wheat is merely postponing "the day of reckoning" that will come when it sells, replied: "Please don't ask me to discuss cyclones. You know the definition of a cyclone—something made of hot air which runs around and usually is destructive." He went on, however, to defend the board's policy in some detail.

Mr. Legge also paid his respects to John Simpson of Oklahoma City, new president of the Farmers' Union, who was quoted as asserting the board is "deliberately" holding down wheat and cotton prices, and citing a senator as authority.

"You can say to Mr. Simpson that any man making that statement, whether in public office or not, is an unmitigated liar, and say it with my compliments," the chairman said. "Such a statement has never been made by any member of the board or anyone else in authority. The absurdity of it is proved by the fact that wheat still is sinking in the world market. Today Chicago wheat is some 16 cents above the Liverpool close, and adding a similar amount for transportation, our wheat is 30 to 32 cents above the world parity."

**VERMONT** will hold a special election on March 31 to choose a successor to the late United States Senator Frank L. Greene. Until then the seat will be filled by Frank G. Partridge of Proctor, who has been appointed by Gov. John E. Weeks. Mr. Partridge, who is sixty-five years old, is a Republican and a business man and lawyer.

**CAMERON MORRISON**, the new senator from North Carolina, was scarcely in his seat before he totally wrecked an ancient tradition of the upper house by arising and making a speech. Of course he should have sat silent for at least a few weeks, but the attack made by Senator F. R. McNinch of Montana on Frank R. McNinch of North Carolina, one of the President's nominees for the federal power commission, was more than he could endure without retort. He spoke eloquently and warmly for twenty minutes, starting out with the declaration: "I would scorn to stand in this body and hear this noble man traduced by anybody," and when he was all through he mildly expressed his regret that he "had to trespass upon

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**THE BEES LOAD** An unladen honeybee can fly about 25 miles per hour, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, but seldom flies faster than 16 miles per hour. When weighed with nectar, it often flies as rapidly as when unladen, although it sometimes stops to rest on a long journey. Sometimes bees with heavy loads become exhausted when flying over lakes or rivers, fall into the water, and are

the attention of this body in almost the hour of my entrance."

Mr. McNinch, the speaker explained, never received nor handed a nickel of any power company's money. True enough, he was an anti-Smith Democrat in 1928, and he, Morrison, as a regular, took the stump against him, but that did not make him a Republican.

**FAILURES** of relatively small banks of the country were rather numerous, and on Tuesday the Chelsea Bank and Trust company of New York city was closed after runs on its main office and six branch offices. The bank had more than 40,000 depositors and gross deposits as of November 14 of \$23,923,000. The deposits had shrunk in the last few weeks to around \$16,000,000, it was said.

The runs were attributed by officials of the bank to unfounded and malicious rumors for which Communists, among others, were held responsible. Investigation of the rumors were begun by the state's attorney general, District Attorney Crane and the police department, and two men were arrested charged with circulating false rumors.

**THERE** was considerable surprise in Great Britain when it was announced the other day that Viscount Willingdon, now governor-general of Canada, had been appointed viceroy of India to succeed Lord Irwin when the latter retires in March, 1931.

Lord Willingdon talked to the effect that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald probably would be given the rich plum. Lord Willingdon, who is sixty-four years of age, was governor of Bombay from 1913 to 1919 and of Madras from 1919 to 1924, earning a name for a conciliatory attitude. He has been governor-general of Canada since 1926.

**OF GREAT** importance in the economic affairs of northern Europe was the signing by six nations of a convention binding them not to raise existing tariff rates or introduce new ones without consulting one another. This was done at a conference in Oslo, Norway, called to enforce "liberal principles in commercial policy." The six nations are Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg.

The signatories also agreed to consider the application of the principle which was the basis of the treaty to "other arrangements likewise calculated to favor international trade."

**DIKTATOR** Stalin, in the process of "cleaning house" in the Soviet regime, has now got rid of Alexis Rykov. Recently that gentleman was removed from his high position as president of the council of people's commissars, which corresponds to premier in other governments. The other

Alexis Rykov

in the central committee and central control commission of the Communist party he was deprived of membership. In the important political bureau, it was a part of Stalin's plan to get rid of all the right-wing leaders and was followed immediately by the dismissal of Tomsky as vice chairman of the supreme economic council. Both Rykov and Tomsky had long opposed Stalin's industrialization program, and though they recanted publicly last summer during the party congress, this did not save them. Rykov was absent from recent Soviet celebrations in Moscow, and it was explained that he had gone South "for his health." That was the way Trotsky went.

Only one right-winger of prominence remains in a high post. He is Nicholas Bucharin, a member of the central committee and also of the supreme economic council. The general expectation is that he, too, will be dropped eventually, thus leaving Stalin's "ideas supreme."

**PRESIDENT HOOVER'S** Christmas present to Warren T. McCray, former governor of Indiana, was a full pardon restoring him to full civil rights. McCray served three years and four months of a ten year sentence to Atlanta penitentiary for use of the mail to defraud in connection with the sale of worthless cattle paper. He was paroled by President Coolidge in August, 1927.

**REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. R. Timberlake** of Colorado, seventy-five years old and wealthy, and Mrs. Roberta Wood Elliott, a thirty-five-year-old widow who has been working as a waitress, were married in Washington by Rev. Dr. J. S. Montgomery, chaplain of the house. They started on a honeymoon trip to North Carolina, the bride's home, and a cruise in southern waters.

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**Original Suffragette** The first suffragette was born 170 years ago. Her name was Mary Wollstonecraft, governess in a wealthy British peer's family. She wrote a book calling attention to the grievances and misfortunes of her sex. When she married, Mary insisted upon living in a separate house from her husband, fearing their affections would grow cold if they saw too much of each other.

**The Greatest Great** Many people are so eminent that they do not consider it important whether or not their names are listed as social leaders.—American Magazine.

## Not Known How Podunk Acquired Odd Meaning

Podunk is a derivative name for any small out-of-the-way country town or village, says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. No such post office is listed in the United States Postal Guide, and it is not known how the name acquired its odd meaning. As early as 1877 John R. Bartlett defined Podunk as "a term applied to an imaginary place in burlesk writing or speaking." The name is of Indian origin.

The Podunk Indians were a small tribe who lived in South Windsor, Hartford county, Conn., and Podunk, their village, was at the mouth of the small stream which still bears the name Podunk. At the close of King Phillips' war in 1676 the Podunks disappeared with the hostile warriors and never returned.

There is a Podunk pond in North Brookfield, Worcester county, Mass., and a local historian gives the Indian meaning of the name as "place of burning." It seems more probable that Podunk is identical with Potunk, a place name on Long Island, which is probably derived from "putuk-ohke," an Algonquian word meaning "a neck or corner of land."

## Revere Remembered for Skill as Silversmith

Paul Revere may go down in history to the world at large for his famous ride to rouse the Minute men and warn them of the approach of the British, but in New England a personal touch will be added to the stories told of him through the fact that many samples of his skill as a silversmith still exist and are highly prized heirlooms in many a home.

His example in designing silver has been followed so successfully that the silversmiths of New England now enjoy a reputation wherever table silver is known.

The silver used in the manufacture of tableware comes into the factories in Ingots, sheets or wires. It is stamped into the various outlines and designs desired and then gradually worked into the shapes sought. The silver is annealed between steps in order to keep it soft and pliable.

**Johnson's Manners Bad** Samuel Johnson, once wrote a biography, when at table was totally absorbed in the business of the moment; his looks seemed riveted to his plate; nor would he, unless when in very high company, say one word, or even pay the least attention to what was said by others, till he had satisfied his appetite, which was so fierce, and indulged with such intemperance, that while in the act of eating the veins of his forehead swelled, and generally strong perspiration was visible. To those whose sensations were delicate this could not but be disgusting; and it was doubtless not very suitable to the character of a philosopher, who should be distinguished by self-command.

**Cult of Moon Worshipers** London is full of queer cults one never hears about. Who would imagine that every time there is a new moon, 30 men and women dash down to a secret spot in Sussex, murmur incantations, bow their heads three times to the ground, and finish up the evening by singing songs in praise of the lunar orb? Yet, a society exists which does these things. One would

imagine that people who take part in such an exploit would be out-and-out cranks. Yet, the leader, a most intelligent man, stresses the fact that the moon worshipers are all composed of well-known and eminent respectable people.—London Mail.

**Preservation in Ice** According to various scientific authorities, there are cases known of fish being frozen in solid ice and afterwards resuscitated. In the rivers of Siberia, for example, which freeze solid every winter, the fish are imprisoned until the spring when the ice melts. It would appear that fish can be preserved from decay in ice almost indefinitely. Some time ago the body

of a mammoth was dug up in Siberia and was found to be in perfect condition. Steaks were cut from it and sold for food. This animal was estimated to have lived at least 20,000 years ago.—Washington Star.

## Golden Rule

The Golden rule is the very best guide to human conduct in all relations in life. It is the best rule in business. It gets better results than crass selfishness. It establishes business on a surer foundation. It gives greater satisfaction to the man in business than a sordid course could. The Golden rule is the best in the professions. It is the best in the home. It is the best in society. In truth, in every relation and aspect of life the Golden rule is without equal or superior.

**Spanish Island** Majorca is the largest island of the Balearic group, a possession of Spain, with an area of 430 square miles. The population in 1920 was 260,763. The inhabitants are closely related to the Catalans, but the long period of Moorish rule has left its mark on their physical type and customs. The Catalan language is spoken by the upper and commercial classes; the lower and agricultural classes speak a dialect of Catalan, and there is a French-speaking colony at Soler.

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**Discipline in Business** Business operates very much like an army. Neither can expect success unless every one enrolled is willing to take orders cheerfully from the general, and the lieutenants, and the sergeants—and execute them in the best manner possible.—Globe.

**drowned.** A heavily loaded bee sometimes makes an ungraceful landing at the apiary, bumping into the hive or dropping to the ground before it. The load of nectar which the bee brings to the hive varies with the density of the nectar, but the average load is about 40 milligrams, or about one-half the weight of the bee.

**And Some Don't** And some girls bears never get a break.—Pathfinder Magazine.

## Remarkable Falls of Meteors on Record

The fact of solid bodies falling from outer space was not accepted by scientists until after the French physicist Blot published his detailed report of a marvelous fall of about 2,000 stones which took place at Laigle, in France, April 26, 1908.

The largest unbroken stone preserved in a museum, the Natural History museum at Vienna, is one weighing 645 pounds, which fell near Kynšperk, Czechoslovakia. It is said to have made a hole in the ground 11 feet deep. This was the largest stone fallen on June 9, 1866.

Other very remarkable occurrences are recorded for Pultusk, Poland, on January 30, 1869, when some 100,000 fell; Moes, Transylvania, where 2,000 fell on February 3, 1882, and at Hessle, Sweden, where 500 fell on January 1, 1869.

The United States comes in for its share of meteors, too. The largest mass known was a 1,200-pound stone found in fragments at Long Island, Kan. Near Homestead, Iowa, a hundred were found on February 12, 1875, and near Holbrook, Ariz., 14,000 were found on July 19, 1912. In this shower, thousands of them were very small, some not much larger than grape seeds, but each one was covered with the characteristic thin black fused crust.

## Indian Lore Parallels Lamb's Roast Pig Story

Charles Lamb's delightfully told story that roast pork was discovered in China when fire destroyed a house and cooked some baby pigs to a turn inside it has a parallel in American Indian lore, cited by Mrs. Zella Nuttall in the Journal of Heredity.

The Indian legend has it that the ancient founders of Mexican civilization were so troubled by wild beasts in the forests that they set fire to the trees and cleared the land. They noticed that grains of maize and other plants which the fire had roasted were very delicious to the palate. They collected some unburnt grains and planted them in the same soil and awaited the harvest.

This legend, tracing the dawn of American farming and cooking, was obtained by an Italian historian in Mexico forty years before Charles Lamb was born.—Kansas City Star's Science Service.

## Sausages Known to Greeks

Sausage making did not, as many believe, originate in Germany, says a writer in the Milwaukee Journal. Its real beginning is unknown, but by 500 B. C. sausage was gracing the tables of the Greek epicures. The "Diplopodists," the oldest cook book extant, which is dated 228 A. D., explains that sausages were prepared "with meat and blood and a great deal of seasoning." Epicharmus, the Greek writer of comedies, mentions sausages, calling them "oyne, a name by which he even subtitled one of his plays, the "Oryx." A little later, in 423 B. C., Aristophanes says in his play, "The Clouds,"